

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1-8 are cancelled. Claims 9-14 are new. Claims 1-8 were rejected. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The claim amendments are sufficiently extensive so as to render the previous grounds for rejection moot. With regard to the new claims, support is in the specification at pp. 21-23. The Office is requested to perform a new search and examine the claims.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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